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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT OF CHARTER UNDERSTANDING

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 12, EMBOFF DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED CON-
SULTATIONS ON THE US-SWISS CHARTER UNDERSTANDING WITH
WALTER FREI, CHIEF OF THE AIR TRAFFIC DIVISION, SWISS
FEDERAL AIR OFFICE, AND MADE THE THREE POINTS MENTIONED
IN PARA 4, REFTEL. FREI RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE ECAC
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND EMBOFF EXPLAINED THE
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USG POSITION AS SET FORTH IN PARAS 4 AND 8, REFTEL.

FREI SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH OTHER SWISS OFFICIALS AND WOULD INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE SWISS POSITION SOONEST.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 18, FREI TOLD EMBOFF THAT WHILE THE GOS IS IN PRINCIPLE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE NEW US CHARTER TYPES, THE SWISS PREFER TO CONSULT WITH OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES BEFORE ENTERING INTO CONSULTATIONS WITH THE US. THE SWISS BELIEVE THAT FUTURE CHARTER UNDERSTANDINGS SHOULD BE ON A MULTILATERAL (ECAC-US) RATHER THAN BILATERAL BASIS. BILATERAL UNDERSTANDINGS COULD LEAD TO A DIVERSION OF CHARTER TRAFFIC WITHIN EUROPE IF ONE COUNTRY SHOULD GIVE MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT THAN THE OTHERS. DURING THE OCTOBER 7-8 MEETING OF ECAC DIRECTORS GENERAL, THE SWISS PLAN TO CONSULT WITH OTHER ECAC MEMBERS ON THE QUESTION OF BILATERAL VS MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US AND TO ATTEMPT TO REACH A COMMON ECAC POSITION. AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE GOS WILL NOT RPT NOT MAKE A DECISION ON THE US REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS UNTIL AFTER THE OCTOBER ECAC MEETING.

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